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THE STORY SHE TOLD ME. 'You're looking at that pretty thing, ee," said the girlish creature, as she came toward me with a beautiful baby in her arms.
I had been attracted by the charming appearance of the little cottage, at the door of which I asked for some water Being bidden to enter, I sat now at the tasteful, tiny bay-window, covered with flowering vines, and drank my glass of cool, sweet milk.
This home-interior was a picture in itself. The furniture, though made by skillful fingers, had felt no touch of the fashionable upholsterer. The homely walls were decorated with simple pictures, dried grasses and ferns. The floo was painted and varnished and made beautiful with pretty rugs and mats Not the least attractive of its ornaments was that little mother, a mere girl yet, it seemed, with her wonderful wealth of golden hair coiled round a perfectlyformed head, her soft eyes and gentle, womanly ways. The baby on her knee was a study; no hoarded wealth of art in classic marble could surpass the beauy of this lowly-born child.
We were friends from the first, this little girl-woman and I. Someway she seemed willing to pour into my elderly ear little confidences that might have justified a maturer friendship. So as moved about the dear little nest, and happened to spy a choice piece of workmanship, she said:
'You're looking at that pretty thing."
"Yes," said I, "it is even more than pretty, it is exquisite."
"So it is, everything that's Ben's taste is justly so," she replied with a glow of pride. "Ben went to the fair; 1 couldn't go well, for baby was ailing, but that was no reason he should stay at home; couldn't be as unreasonable as some women. I didn't expect he'd bring me more than a cushion for pins, or som neat little fancy-but no, he must buy that or nothing. I'm sure it's only lady should have such things, not a poor mill-hand's wife; but you see Ben think differently.'
How it was this dear little woman came to tell me her story, I won't repeat only give it to you in her own direct, pretty, artless fashion. So no more of me. This was the way she began it:
'You're looking at me, I see, and say ing to yourself, which is true, there's nothing at all taking about this plain little woman. Ben says there is; he laughs at me and declares that 1 underrate myself, foolishly; but bless your heart, can't I see? My eyes, you take notice, are light and gray, sometimes quite colorless, and as I look at them when I comb my hair, I think to myself that Briston, our tortoise-shell cat, has a deal more beautiful ones; bat there again Ben declares that my eyes are my greatest beauty-and-oh dear, how can the man talk so.
"My forehead is low, and in summer the freckles will come, though now, deep in September, of course it is white enough; and my hair would be that hor-
rid color, red, only sometimes there's a tinge of brown in it that is rather pretty, I'll allow. Stili, altogether, nobody would think of calling me handsome even though Ben does say my profile is quite perfect.

If you care to hear it, I have fretted badly, ever since I was a child, because people called me plain. Why I should have minded, I hardly know myself; there were but few of the elements of beauty in the homesurroundings where grew up out of childhood-1 mean 'esthetic beauty,' as Ben calls it
"My mother was poor, my father always weakly from a hurt he got when quite young; my brothers and sisters vere more numerous than 1 thought they needed to be.
"One of the little ones, her name was Matty-the dearest little human blossom that ever made the world brighter and sweeter-this boy favors her-had glorious eyes. Everybody who saw her turned to look again to see her eyes, they said, in which one could look down into her soul and read it like an open book. Dear little angel! That made me take more notice when people called me a plain little thing. I do believe I worshiped beauty for beauty's sake. It never entered into my little heathen head to trace God's hand in it, or love Him for it. We learned little of Him through human means, on that wild sea-shore where the waves sometimes crept quite close up to the clumsy hut we called home.

Now you see how really plain I am, and what I truly think of myself-homely, short, ungraceful; and yet Ben, the foolish fellow, stands to it I am handsome.

Ben, the great, glorious, noble fellow, I hope you'll pardon me, madam, he's my husband, but I can't help praising him. He has made me all I am for good. wish you could see him; you would smile at the contrast between us, for Ben is as handsome as I am homely. I don't are where he goes, Ben would be noticed, even in his rough clothes, above many and many a man of fashion, and I am proud to say so. His hair is the real, rich auburn, and curls enough to turn and wave and shine against his temples and his eyes are the real hazel, so large and soft and tender. The finest gentleman might envy him his silken mustache and the beard that ripples over his chin.

Ben is an orphan. When father moved into Hilbro' he had an easy place offered him in the largest cotton mill Ben, seeing him there, took a fancy to his quiet ways, because he thought he was like his own father, who was killed by a frightful accident. Whoever Ben liked, liked him; he was the most coveted piece of humanity in the Hilbro' mills; the girls were always talking of him, and ong before I saw him, I wondered about him and tried to think how he looked.
"Father was determined to keep his girls out of the mills as long as possible; he thought them a bad place for young people, so mother and I did plain sewing.
'Four of the children died-little Matty was the last. It seemed hard to shut
down the coffin-lid over those glorious eyes, but we did, and I often think how beautiful she must be in heaven. There was a babv; John, my oldest brother, worked in the mill, and little Annie, who had been lamed by a fall, had to be helped about more or less by mother and me, for, poor child, she would never walk like the rest of us, the doctor said.
"I shall never forget the day 1 met Lottie Hill and Ben Munsen. It was strange I should have seen them nearly at the same time, and recognized them both without knowing either.
"If ever you see Lottie Hill, you'll see a perfect beauty; she's not Lottie Hill, now, but 1 'm coming to that. I was dragging little Annie in a queer box on wheels, when this girl, this 'bit of marble faintly flushed' (l've seen that somewhere, being a great reader), stopped close to my poor sister, who was leaning back and smiling up to the blue sky.
' Dear little thing! she's siek, isn't she?' she said in such a tender voice that my heart warmed to her.
' 'She is lame,' I answered, saying to myself, 'You are Lottie Hill.'
"A tiny creature she was, dressed in a pretty spotted muslin that made her look pure and sweet. One or two little rings of pale gold hair trembled on her forehead under her hat. Her eyes were large and sunny, though there was a sadness in her smile, but that only made it more bewitching.
"'Poor little birdie! what a pity!' she said again, and gave the child a rose. You can't think how it made me love her.

I had just turned the corner after she had gone, when somebody came hurrying by with a quick, light step and jostled the carrriage as he passed.
' 'And you are Ben Munsen,' I thought, as he turned back to apologize.
"There stood I, staring with all my might; and I shouldn't wonder if he had read my thought in my face- - You are Ben Munsen, and you love Lottie Hill."
"He has often said since that 1 fell in love with him just on that spot. Maybe 1 did. If feeling strange and lonesome after one is gone is an indication, why then I fell in love; but you see I was so busy putting it this way-that a girl as beautiful as Lottie Hill, and a young man as noble and handsome as Ben, even in his dusty mill-clothes, must of necessity be in love with each other, that, if I did fall in love, it was after a queer fashion. I was from that time always putting myself in her place. I believe 1 never thought of him at first, but 1 imagined $I$ was Lottie Hill, I, plain gray goose that I was.
"Would you believe-that very evening father brought Ben to the house.
'Now, you are the one I need,' he said, smiling, showing such splendid teeth. 'You had a child with you in a sort of cradle.'
' 'It wasn't a cradle,'spoke up poor little Aunie, eager to defend her father's taste, 'it's a wagon, and daddy made it hisself; didn't you daddy?'
"Papa smile! his tired smile, Ben folded his arms, tilted back his chair and made himself quite at home, while I hurried to help mother with the supper. Papa never seemed to think it was any matter that we were poor, when he invited folks, but mother worried. I was always tender of mother. Someway there was a feeling came to me that she wouldn't stay with us very long, and she had worked hard all her life-poor
mother! So I made her sit down and take the baby, though she didn't want to, for I had been at it all day, washing, and my hands were red and tender.

Well, I put on the company-cloth-1 was always proud of that-we had two handsome linen covers that my grandmother left us. 'Twasn't much we had else, to be sure, but even a bit of cold corned beef tastes good to hard working people. 1 took my few hoarded pennies and bought a treat of cakes, and I couldn't help being ashamed of the children, who showed plainly enough, poor things, that they seldom had anything of the kind.
"When supper was ready I took the baby, and waited upon table, too; mother seldom had any rest except at her meals, and that I was always determined she should have, and she knew it.
'Jessy dear, you're tired,' mother said, putting her arms out to take the child, but I wouldn't let her.
'Jessy's my darling girl, and the mainstay of the family,' said father, looking at me as I never saw him look before. That was enough for me. I don't know when he had spoken a word of praise like that before, and it was sweeter to me than meat and drink.
"Let me see, I was little over sixteen then, though such a tiny thing. Ben is five years older, but I never should have taken him then for twenty-one.
"I had never had a lover-that is a real one. To be sure I had had my fancies, as all girls have, and so it made me feel strange to see Ben's eyes on me whenever I looked up, for, though 1 didn't know it, to be sure, until afterward, he was more to me even then than my life.
"I never saw such a sensitive, passionate creature as I always was. I think time and trouble have somewhat sifted me, but if I loved anyone, or anything, it was as if I were swallowed up by it. Even the thought that father or mother might die sent me almost into spasms of trembling terror. So now the love got hold of me with a strong clutch, though I didn't realize it until afterward. All that evening, and days beside, I felt the haunting of his looks, and still was sure that he loved Lottie Hill, and she loved

Many of the mill girls were rude; others were as true ladies as the world holds. One of these was Mary Lawrence, who sometimes came to our house. She told me often about Lottie-of her charms and her lovers, and how old Vassar, the proprietor of the mill, had sent his son to Europe for fear he would marry her. 'But it's my opinion that now she likes Ben, and Ben her,' she added. 'They're often together. I've seen them down by the Lover's Walk myself, many a time; wou't they make a splendid couple?'

Then I knew what ailed me, and what the dull pain meant in my heart. Why did he come to our house so often? What right had he to speak to me so tenderly? I began to feel strangely toward Lottie Hill, and cried angry tears whenever I thought of her and Ben. It would have made me happy any time to hear that she was dead. This feeling grew stronger and stronger until it seemed as if Lottic and Ben were in my thoughts from morning until night.
"At last the trouble affected my health. Mother saw how changed I was, and I think she suspected. She always sent me away when Ben came, and I was too
proud to let her see I knew why. But Ben was sure to wait until I came back, if it was only to say good night; and that in such a tender sort of way that it sent the blood to my face as if it would burst through. So I weat on suffering until father got sick, and I was given his place at the mill. There I saw Lottie Hill every day, and she tried to be friendly, but I am ashamed to say, the sight of her beautiful face made me wicked and spiteful. I tried not to feel so. I often laid my head on my hand when I was working, and begged and prayed the Lord to give me a better temper, and sometimes I conquered, and sometimes I didn't But there had sprung
bitter feeling-Hate!
"It is an ugly word, but I was sure hate had crept into my bosom, and, like a venomous serpent, had stung me until I was iull of poison. But oh, thank God that He saved me from knowing that awful ending that might have been.
"One day, when I had worked in the mill a month, and Ben had been very kind in showing me my duties, and I had been a silly little fool while he did it, standing there, awkward and red, , my heart beating so that he must have heard it-I had a test that I shall never forget. no, not to my dying day.
"Lottie Hill stood at the window near her frame. How beautiful a picture the girl made! She had trained a bit of flowering vine in one corner of the sash, which she was dusting now, taking off the dead leaves. The mill-works had stopped for some reason. I stood watching Lottie out of the corner of my eye when, without looking that way, I saw Ben come in, saw her turn round, saw him make a sign to her, at which her face grew radiant. Oh, how sick I felt! Ny teeth came together hard. Then Ben went up to her loom and leaned over, and admiring the vine, said something, his eyes fixed on hers. If there wasn't love, almost worship in her face then, there's no such thing as love. Her eyes shone like diamonds. Then he looked round and slipped something in her hand-a love note, of course, and left her, smiling to himself.
"Thinks I, and that's the way you play with hearts, Mr. Ben! and when a mo ment after he came round to me, 1 never looked up.
' 'Something's the matter,' he said. "In my silly anger I thought he was bantering me.
'You are mistaken, Ben Munsen,' I said hotly, 'nothing is the matter with me.
'But I meant the mill,' he answered laughing; 'the machinery has stopped.'

Oh;' my face was aflame, but wouldn't look at him.
'It isn't often that I get a chance to chat with you lately,' he said, smiling right into my eyes in a way that made me angry.
-Why didu't you stay with Lottie Hill?' I asked, and my voice sounded unnatural to myself.
'Well, I reckon little Lottie has got something better to do than to talk to an idle fellow,' he made answer.
'So have I.' I said shortly, for at that moment I hated him. Why did he come there to show his power over me? for I knew he read me like a book, my poor blind worship and all, my helplessness, my cruel suffering.
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but suddenly cried out, 'Oh, what splendid color!"
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"At that moment the overseer called him, and I looked over to Lottie. An evil spirit had taken possession of me and was raving for some outlet. Lottie stood with her back towards me, her light dress touching the frame, her cheek just showing the deepening dimples as she read. It made me furious to see her attitude of perfect grace-'Let her be doing what she would, the spirit of grace and beauty pervaded all her motions,, I thought bitterly.
"Suddenly, slowly, so slowly one could hardly see them move, and going by jerks, the great belting began to slide round-just a little, then stopping, then gliding a little more-then at a stand still, all the smaller bands and wheels and gleaming shafts keeping it company. I saw now. Ah, that wicked, unseen devil at my elbow, I saw that her dress was touching one of the wheels fastened to the great central shaft. Horror curdled my veins, but I was silent. Again the wheel revolved-stopped-she never stirred-she never knew it-nobody knew it but - the terrible iron fingers had gripped her by half a breadth of calico. Any moment, I knew now, breathless as I stood and watched, any moment, I knew, all might be going swifter than 1 could think.
"If I kept still, Ben would never marry Lottie Hill, would never torture me by careless courtesies. That was the top of my hate. Just then, in my heart, I was a murderer.
"God mercifully kept the works low until-I saw a vision-that fair, sweet face and form crushed beyond all possibility of recognition-then my sin-paralyzed energies asserted themselves. I dashed across the intervening space, reckless of my own life, creeping under the low, crawling gearing until I reached her-I was very strong-threw my arms around her and pinned her, as it were, to the window sill.
" 'Don't move,' I cried-took the sharp knife which I used in my work, and with one or two rapid thrusts severed her dress from the belting just in time. A minute-half a minute more-

She turned deadly white as she saw the piece of her dress rapidly lifted and rolled up, up, until it reached the murderous iron teeth, and then she gave a great cry, turning as white as a ghost.
"As for me, I had fainted, and when I came to myself I found one pair of eyes gazing down upon me, whose thrilling passion made me tremble again.
'‘You brave, beautiful little girl!' he murmured-'my own, brave, brave dar ling!'

How stange that was-too sweet to
hear. I turned my head away as I half sobbed.
"'I saved her for you; don't talk that way to me.'
"'But I will talk that way to you,' he cried, and bending down, kissed me. 'You didn't think I cared for little Lottie? Bless your true, loving heart, Lottie has been married these six months to Ned Vassar, and the young scamp sent all his letters to me, and I've had to go crawling about to meet her in by-places, so that nobody should suspect. And yesterday I gave her the last letter, thank God! telling her that he is on his way home-and he's struck a vein of good good luck, some way, so that he need not fear to own her-and everything is coming out right.'
"Do you see what I came near doing but for God's merciful intervention? I laid there, white and shivering, and then I told Ben the whole, from beginning to end, not sparing myself, and then I tried to tell him to leave me, for I was too wicked for any good man, but he wouln't. "'Why, didn't you save her life at the risk of your own, you precious darling?' he cried, and held me close in his arms.
"Well, I never can think or speak of it without crying a little, but you see it made another girl of me. Come what may, I daren't be angry or jealous now; and as for dear Lottie, I confessed everything to her, too. It seemed as if I wanted somebody to punish me, but Lottie said she only loved me the more for conquering my great temptation, and though she is Mr. Vassar's wife and lives in splendid style, we are two close, good friends, and many's the time she brings her baby here, or I take mine there, to visit and talk of old mill time.
"And madam, though the trial left its scar, it left a blessing too."
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Algonac-D. W. Dana succeeds G. D. Dana in the drug business.
Frankfort - John Lockhart succeeds Jas. Gallagher in general trade.
Hillsdale-G. W. Meyers has purchased the grocery stock of F. J. Bates.
Eagle-Geo. Dayton succeeds E. C. Snyder in the hardware business.
Ishpeming-Dan. J. Sullivan succeeds Lage \& Moll in the drug business.
Marquette-Geo. Stonebraker succeeds Wm . Dorais in the meat business. Hillsdale-Ferris \& Singer succeed L A. Smith in the furniture business.

Eagle-Huntoon \& McCrumb have opened a grocery and hardware store.
Petoskey-John Foley has retired from the grocery firm of S. A. Wilson \& Co.
Charlotte-M. Daron succeeds Daron \& Smith in the boot and shoe business. Kingston-H. S. Mitchell has purchased the grocery stock of J. O. Patten. Ovid-Fred Burt succeeds W. N. Hart in the grocery and restaurant business. Gladwin-H. E. Blodgett succeeds Seely \& Blodgett in the hardware business. Saginaw-C. E. Ludovici succeeds Dambacher \& Ludovici in the grocery business.
Mayville-Lawrence \& Dawson succeed N. R. Schermerhorn in the boot and shoe business.
Belding-E. E. Van Fleet has removed his jewelry stock from White Cloud to this place.
Sebewaing - Herman \& Co. are succeeded by Herman \& Howell in the clothing business.
Bad Axe - The drug firm of Donaldson \& Pettit has dissolved, Donaldson \& Kewley succeeding.
Constantine-Henry E. Lintz is succeeded by A. E. Caldwell \& Co. in the grocery business.
Tecumseh-W. B. Darling succeeds H. L. Jones in the confectionery, and restaurant business.
West Bay City-Frank M. Van Liew succeeds Gregory \& Van Liew in the crockery business.
Charlotte-Spaulding \& Brackett succeed Spaulding \& Thomas in the boot and shoe business.
Saginaw - Fred G. Newell succeeds Newell \& Robinson in the book, stationery and wall paper business.
Marquette-Dorie Fountain has purchased the confectionery and fruit business of William H. Marshall.
West Bay City-Frank M. Van Liew succeeds Gregory \& Van Liew in the crockery and wall paper business.
Lansing-Rouser \& Conklin are putting plate glass windows and introducing other betterments in their drug store.
Alpena-The grocery firm of MacLel lan, MacDonald \& Carr has dissolved, Wm. Carr \& Co. continuing the business. Dowagiac-Mrs. E. E. (G. S.) Howard is succeeded by J. H. Shroyer in the grocery, bakery and restaurant business. Traverse City-L. E. Swan has re-
moved his grocery moved his grocery stock from White Cloud to this place, where he has re engaged in business.
Kent City-W. G. Hastings is shipping his hardware stock to Mable, a new town in Grand Traverse county, where
he will continue the business and operate a sawmill in connection therewith.
Sears-A. Pierce, of the grocery firm of A. Pierce \& Co.,recently removed to Minnesota, leaving the stock in the hands of his partner, W. D. Clapp. The latter recently abandoned the business, when Partridge \& Co., of Flint, took possession of the stock on a chattel mortgage.
Big Rapids-F. Fairman has leased to E. C. Newcombe the two stores now occupied by himself for drugs and dry goods respectively. As soon as possible after the hollidays, the Newcombes will move their bazar stock into the now dry goods store, and then Mr. Fairman will remove his drug stock into the store vacated by the Newcombes. The other store will be occupied by the Newcombes with a line of millinery and fancy goods. Hillsdale-Louis Beckhardt stepped into his grocery store a few nights ago and, as he went behind the counter to get some tobacco, he saw a form crouching close to the floor. The athletic tradesman was upon the burglar in a jiffy and quickly escorted him to jail. The thief proved to be Horace Nufer, of Osseo, recently released from the Reform School at Lansing. He was after tobacco and cigars, gaining an entrance by removing a pane of glass from the rear window. He had an accomplice on the outside who ran away when his partner was nabbed.

## manufacturing matters.

Newberry - M. Glass, Jr. succeeds Glass Bros. in the cigar manufacturing
business. Altona-Eli Lyons has retired from the sawmill firm of Hafey \& Lyons. The business will be continued by George Hafey.
Bay City-The work of tearing down the sawmill and salt works of Nelson Holland and the removal of them from Saginaw to East Tawas is in progress.
Cheboygan-W. \& A. McArthur have purchased $130,000,000$ feet of Canada timber in one block, and have made other investments, the consideration amounting to $\$ 273,000$.
Vassar-C. F. Phillips has sold his sawmill and timber lands at Crystal City. He has a shingle mill and planing mill at Vassar ready for operation, and will also put in sawmill machinery.
Ithaca-The Clarence Lumber Co., to manufacture lumber, shingles, etc., has been organized by Nathan Church, C. N. Church, Helen Church, Alma; Fred Church, Ithaca. Capital stock, $\$ 30,000$.
Saginaw-The Michigan Salt Co. has advanced the price of salt ten cents a barrel, fine salt being quoted at sixty-five cents. The company has 300,000 barrele less on hand at this date than one year ago.
Killmaster-A. Backus, of Detroit, has put up a small hardwood mill here and started a camp of thirty men to cut logs for it. The mill can cut 20,000 feet a day and has timber enough for a five years' run.
Manistee-Babcock's shingle mill shut down last week, after a very successful season's run, and this winter extensive repairs will be made. This concern has almost a corner on the cedar tributary to the Manistee.
Detroit-Geo. L. Sampson has retired from the firm of Stanton, Morey \& Co., manufacturers of men's furnishing goods. The business will be continued by the remaining partners under the style of
Stanton \& Morey.

Owosso-The Estey Manufacturing Co. has purchased of Whitney \& Remick, of Detroit, the timber on 22 forty-acre tracts in Clare county, principally hardwood. The company will cut the timber and ship it to this place by rail.
Coleman - This place is developing rapidly as a manufacturing town. The old Cooper mill has been fitted up and will manufacture shingles, basswood heading and oak staves. Mason \& Willis will manufacture shingles, George Cooper, staves, and Force \& Dickinson, heading.
Grand Ledge-The Grand Ledge Brick \& Tile Co., which has lately put in machinery for the manufacture of sewer pipe, made its first run of sewer pipe on Dec. 9 , the experiment being entirely satisfactory. The stockholders are naturally very jubilant over the profits they are likely to make in connection with the new departure.
Manistee - The Manistee \& Grand Rapids Railroad has completed its extension to the mill of the State Lumber Co. and is delivering logs into the boom at that point. By means of this extension they get a great deal more dumping ground than they had last winter, and will be able to hold more logs and will not be forced to start up early to take care of their stock.
Manistee-The Manistee \& Northeastern Railroad is now completing an extension to the mouth of the River, and will soon have a force of men at work building docks, so as to complete improvements at that point. They now have their track laid all the way round, and have made arrangements with the government to use part of the docks for the present, if it is needed.
Manistee-There seems to be a wellfounded belief that R. G. Peters will soon have his affairs in his own hands again. Not that he will have all his indebtedness wiped out at the end of this season, but it is thought that he will have made such a good showing for the past two years, that he will be able to get backers who will advance the necessary money to clean up the remaining indebtedness, and give him control again. Sidnaw-G. A. Bergland's sawmill has been closed to prepare it for the winter run, which begins December 15. This mill cuts timbers up to sixty feet in length. He is building another band mill with shingle and planing mills in connection, and expects to manufacture $25,000,000$ feet of lumber annually for the next few years. In addition to Mr. Bergland's operations here, he manu factures $10.000,000$ to $15,000,000$ feet an nually at Cadillac.

## Meeting of Post E .

An adjourned meeting of Post E, Michigan Knights of the Grip, was held in the parlors of the Morton House, saturday eventng. VicePresident Hanna presided.
The Committee on Transportation reported that the best possible rate obtainable to Detroit G., Dec. 27 and 28 , was 84.50 for the round trip. The report was accepted and the Committee dis. charged and a vote of thanks tendered the members for the efforts made to secure a lower rate, It was unanimously decided to present the he parent Jose A. Gonzales for the presidency o the pa
tion.
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W. F. Blake, J. B. McInnes, J. A. Gonzales, C. L. Lawton, J. B. Tanner, J. L. Strelitsky and W. to dennings were appointed a special committee oo dispose of tickets to the Detroit convention

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## GRAND RAPIDS GOSSIP.

Ed. Wykes has purchased the Vanderhayden meat meat market at the corner of East street and Fifth avenue.
The Grand Rapids Vapor Stove Co. expects to make its first shipments of gasoline stoves in about two weeks.

Chas. E. Williams attended the chattel mortgage sale of the M. B. Pinchcomb grocery stock, at Big Rapids last week, securing the stock and fixtures by reason of being the highest bidder.
O. W. Pettit has purchased the Regan drug stock, on South Division street, and removed it to 250 Plaintield avenue, where the business will be conducted under the management of E. R. A. Hunt, of Lowell.
A. H. Wiggins, formerly junior member of the firm of J. F. Barrows \& Co., druggists at Lawrence, has embarked in the drug business on his own account at that place. The Hazeltine \& Perkins Drug Co. furnished the stock.
K. Dykema \& Bro. have purchased the feed and wood business of E. W. Heth \& Co., at the corner of South Divison street and the D., L. \& N. Railroad and leased the feed mill operated in connection therewith. They will continue the business, operationg it as a branch of the Ferry street establishment.

The Importance of "Middle Names"
It was the doctrine of the ancient law that a man had but one name beyond his surname, and that the use of a second christian name was of no effect in his legal dealings. The rapid growth of population and the increase of commercial intercourse, which modern civilization has brought about, rapidly created the necessity for the modification, if not the complete abrogation of this rule. It may be important to business men to know that the courts recognize the "middle" name or initial, and that this letter in the name is of as much importance as any other. This was exemplified in a recent case in which a writ was served upon a bank endeavoring to control the funds of one William J. Motley. In the writ, however, the name of William G. Motley was used, and though the bank held funds of but one man of the name of Motley, and at least some of its officers knew personally that it was the funds of William J. against which the writ was intended to be directed, yet it was insufficient to hold those funds. It is important that business men should remember that this old theory of the law has given place to a more practical policy and that additional christian names are of equal legal importance with the first.

Changes in Telegraphic Rates.
Several changes in the rates for telegraphic messages made by the Western Union Co., which went into effect Oct. 1, have escaped much notice except among those who have considerable telegraphing to do, and to whom the slightest reduction in rates means great saving of expense. The most important change which has been made is in the manner of charging
for numbers. Formerly, in a number, every figure was counted as one word, but under the new system figures, letters, commas, points and bars of division, or any combination thereof (as in cipher messages), are counted three figures, letters or signs to the word, and any group thereof of less than three figures, letters or signs is also counted as one word. To prevent liability to error, numbers and amounts should be written in words, and this makes no differenee in the charges.

Other changes which have been made are in reference to the body of a message where dictionary words, initial letters, surnames of persons, names of cities, towns, villages, States or Territories or names of the Canadian Provinces are counted and charged for word and charged for as only one word, while in the names of counties and countries all the words are counted.
Thus the names of cities and towns, as Thus the names of cities and towns, as New York, St. Louis, Fort Wayne, count only as one word each, while Presque Isle county is charged for as three words.

## The Hardware Market.

General Trade-Business in the hardware line still keeps up, but, if we should have a good run of sleighing in Western Michigan, it would prove a wonderful impetus to trade.
We have but little change to note in prices, as the first of January is near at hand and manufacturers and jobbers are getting ready for inventory.
Wire Nails-In good demand but stationery as to price.
Bar Iron-The demand keeps up, and the mills have not, as yet, caught up on orders. $\$ 1.80$ to $\$ 1.90$ rates are being obtained.
Glass-Very firm in price and very hard to get. All factories have all they can do, in addition to which they report difficulty in getting their supply of natural gas, which greatly reduces their output. 80 per cent. to 80 and 5 is being obtained without any trouble.

## Pickle Stocks Low.

Chicago, Dec. 9-We makeour annual estimate of stock of salt pickles in the West a few weeks earlier than usual, as there will be but slight changes in the According reming weeks of the year 1892. tive stocks on hand for the past nine years are as follows, estimated in barrels: $\begin{array}{lll}\text { March } 1, & 1885 . \\ \text {. } & 1886 .\end{array}$


Last season at this jime, liberal stocks whilst this year they have only purchased for immediate wants. Packers anticipate an active demand after January 1. F. A. Waidner Co.

Meeting or the M. B. M. A.
A gentleman who has taken a leading part in the Michigan Business Men's Association since its inception suggests that the next meeting be held at Grand Rapids on Feb. 8 or 15, 1893. In common with many other members of the organization, he believes the meeting should be called in time to have its effect on the coming session of the Legislature, as many matters are likely to come up at that time which will require prompt and decisive action. The Tradesman would be pleased to hear from other association men on this subject, with a view to ascertaining exactly what the sentiment of the business men is on this subject.

## Purely Personal.

W. J. Clarke, the Harbor Springs grocer and clothier, is in town for a few days.
Amos. S. Musselman was called to Get tysburg, Penu., Saturday morning by the death of a brother, whose funeral occurred on Monday. He is expected home again the latter part of the week.
Two pill pounders are rejoicing over the advent of nine pound daughters-J. Howard Green, proprietor of the Health Home Pharmacy at Battle Creek and Harry Hunter, junior partner in the firm of Hunter \& Son, the Lowell druggists.

## In Chicago.

The buildings are the tallest The ladies' feet are In Chicago The wits are always keenest, The pavements are the cleanest In Chicago.
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Annoyances are fewe Annoyances are fewest, And the jokes are always newest, In Chicago. The ladies are the fairest And the homely girls And the homely girls are rarest The husbands are the neatest, While their wives are always sweetest, And the errand boys are fleetest The aldermenicago. The aldermen are greatest
In Chicago; Their doings are the; The winters are the The winters are the mildest, And the summers reconclldest,

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From Out of Town.
Calls have been received at THE Tradesman office during the past week from the following gentlemen in trade. F. W. Pollock, Sand Lake. Carlson Bros., Gilbert.
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J. Heeringa, East Saugatuck.
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CAUSES OF HARD TIMES. Written for The Tradesman.
If I were asked to name one of the gloomiest conditions of human experience, I would suggest a foggy day in London. There is as much light in the world for the use of the millions inhabiting that great city, as on other days; but the rays thrown off from the sun are in tercepted by the opaqueness of a mist that is more terrible than Egyptian darkness, in that it cannot be overcome by artificial light of any kind. Men may move about in it, and perform all the functions of life as usual, but only as blind men, groping their way-all senses under control except vision-that failing, nothing is left but confusion, helplessness and a long record of ac sidents. Above this intense atmospheric funerial canopy nature smiles in gladness. Below all is gloom, demoralization of business and hard times for everybody until the sunlight again breaks through the intervening obstacle.
In this country we have no fogs which can compare with those of the English metropolis. But we have some mental fogs which are fully as undesirable; and they often seriously impair business activities. Some of our fogs have their origin in the scheming brains of certain men who are politicians for revenue only and are used to bewilder the minds of many who would otherwise see clearly the relative value of policies offered for their approval. By exciting the imagination of the voter through appeals to his fears of evil, and then by repeated assertion convincing him that such evil is both real and imminent, the victim becomes, in a measure, hypnotized, and can see nothing but a pall of gloom settling upon and depressing business everywhere. This is one feature of modern hard times which is most prevalent; and it originates altogether in the imagination.
But it does not end there. The laws of mind are as inexorable as those of matter. A false alarm may do as much and, perhaps, more mischief than a true one. Like a little fire kindled in forest leaves or dry prairie grass, it is almost sure to spread far beyond the limit first intended. A breath of suspicion, when once fairly started, may cause the soundest commercial house to totter and fall, burying many lesser firms in its ruins. So the cry of calamity first set up to excite the prejudices of the unthinking and selfish for ulterior purposes often overleaps the bound fixed by the promoters and brings about hard times just as surely as fear of the cholera produces conditions favorable to the spread of that dreaded disease.
As a matter of fact, for the last twen-ty-five years we have passed through no period which could justly be considered as hard times in general. Each section of the union, in turn, may have had accidents by fire or flood, bad harvests, visitations of disease, earthquakes or cyclones; but these evils have been local and partial, and, whenever causing unusual suffering, willing hands from more fortunate communities have given of their abundance to relieve distress.
In spite of all such calamities, we have, as a people, been generally improving in material conditions, each census recording a constant increase not only in aggregate wealth but in the average income of those depending on labor for subsist-
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private eleemosynary enterprises have kept pace with the increase of population and thus provided help for the poorest and most improvident classes, so that, in using the term "hard times," it is only intended as a figure of speech, except as it may be applied in a limited way to individuals and localities.

And yet, go where you will, in this land of golden opportunities, there can be heard always and every where the dismal croak of the croaker croaking his croak. It is audible every month of the year, no matter whether the complainant be loaded with pecuniary obligations, or is free from them and possesses a large balance to his credit in the bank. It is the grim humor of the American people seeking an outlet for inward impatience, and is no more relevant to existing conditions than the harsh croak of theoamphibious harbinger of spring. Because we, as Americans, only live to achieve, we have no time or inclination to enjoy what has been gained. In hope of the better future, the past seems tame, and the present contemptible; and we take no comfort in all our labors under the sun. We never have good times to-day They are just ahead, and, until we overtake to-morrow, we spend our time belittling or complaining of the present. Mark Tapley was not a typical American. It is doubtful if he lives in any of his descendants in this country, especially among those who till the soil.
One would think that those who live more immediately upon the bounty of Providence and are for that reason nearer the heart of the Infinite Father would naturally of all men be best satisfied with the present. But observation tells me that it is not so. The mercantile class, whose dependence on Providence is, as it were, by second hand, are, as a rule, more cheerfully resigned to the hard vicissitudes of life than the former; although statistics show that fifty merchants fail in business ventures to one of the agricultural class. Those who have the best right to plead hard times waive their opportunities to say the least. The pesimism of to-day finds more frequent and bitter expression among those whose material prospects for the future are brightest.
The man who to-day croaks of hard times is in most instances one whose recollection does not antedate the late civil war. His memories extend only over the period of falling prices following an inflation of values never before known. The older citizen, who once lived in a $\log$ house with puncheon floor and scant furnishing-who seasoned his daily meals with the sauce of self-denial -who allowed imagination to be his sole provider in mental and material luxuries-he is the one who never owns up to hard times, because his desires were never allowed to anticipate his needs, and, therefore, he wonders at the complaints and unrest of this generation. Hard times, no doubt, come to individuals everywhere, even in this land of plenty, from causes which no ordinary foresight can prevent. But they mostly spring from improvident habits, and are confined to no one class. It is because men allow the luxuries of yesterday to become the necessities of to-day, which grow in time so exhorbitant in their demands that whoever consents makes himself a slave to caprice and lives thereafter alternately cringing to those who are more prosperous or railing against

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1892.
GOULD'S MYSTERY OF FINANCE.
In the death of Jay Gould the world parted with one of the most extraordinary characters financial circles have ever known. From a position of poverty and obscurity this remarkable man rose to the point of being the absolute autocrat of American financial affairs. He amassed a fortune of a hundred millions of dollars, and although his methods earned for him the enmity of many of his associates in the busy world of Wall street, his power was such as to make him universally feared.
Backed by his millions and the control secured over many of the most important corporations of the country, Jay Gould put values up and down at will, wrecking and destroying those who stood in his path, and making the fortunes of his friends. The "Wizard of Wall Street" was certainly a person to be feared, but it must be admitted that his peculiar methods were not such as to make him a popular hero.
The power weilded by this remarkable man in Wall street was so perfectly ab solute that his attitude towards every deal engineered in that busy center for many years past was always the most im portant calculation that the operators had to consider. How Gould stood with respect to the market was always a leading factor in determining prices, and when he took an active personal interest it was but seldom that anyone dared oppose him, some few experiences having convinced everybody that such opposition meant certain destruction.
While it is asserted that Mr. Gould crushed with an iron hand all active op position, it is not claimed that his operations were purposely planned to destroy weaker trades in securities. So perfect was the control of the market possessed by this master of finance that of recent years his schemes have encountered no opposition, and he has been permitted to develop his vast plans of railrosd consolidation without hindrance.
But, while Mr. Gould's speculations made him enemies, it cannot be denied that he deserved the distinction of being the foremost financier of his time. To his manipulations more than to any other cause are due the vast railroad consolida-
tions which have taken place of late years, and that the railroad systems of the country have assumed their present perfection is, in a very large measure, due to his ability. His name, more than that of any other single individual, is identified with the great trunk lines which control the transportation of the country, and, in that peculiar sphere, he rose high above the level of those who, like him, amassed millions in Wall street.
Such a power had this man grown to be in the financial world that it was predicted that his death would precipitate a panic in the stock market. Ever since it became known that his health was impaired there have been periodical rumors of his death spread for the purpose of manipulating the market, and so frequently had this ruse been made use of that it had almost lost its influence; hence, when the event actually occurred, it was at first discredited. and, instead of becoming panicky, the market was but little influenced.
That the anticipated financial disturbance did not follow Mr. Gould's death is more than probably due to the foresight of the great financier in putting his affairs in order, in anticipation of his end, and to the general impression that the disposition of his property had been so wisely made as to permit of no immediate or violent fluctuation in its value.

POLITICAL OUTLOOK IN EUROPE
It cannot be overlooked by any one interested in international affairs that the political aspect of Europe is far from reassuring. Aside from the ever present danger of a general war, growing out of the ambitious longings of the leading powers for supremacy in European affairs and the state of practical preparation for an outbreak which is maintained, nearly all the powers are confronted with more or less serious internal disorders and complications which hold out anything but an encouraging prospect.
Russia, for instance, which is at the present time the power the most menacing to the peace of Europe, has to con tend with serious internal discontent and a condition of public finances which is simply chaotic. It is an open secret that the Czar's advisers favor war as much from a desire to silence the mutterings at home as from a wish to increase Russia's dominions.
In Germany, while the vast military system maintained occasions much discontent, there are fewer alarming symptoms of dangerous domestic trouble than in most of the other continental countries of Europe. Nevertheless, the government is at the present moment in a de cidedly precarious situation, owing to the hostility in the Reichstag to the proposed increases in the army. The least danger that could result from a defeat of the government on this question would be a cabinet crisis, which might eventually prepare the way for the return of Bis marck to power.
France is at the present moment in the throes of an acute ministerial crisis, and each day the complications of the situation increase and the difficulties of forming a new ministry multiply. It is hinted in the European dispatches that the crisis may yet bring about the re tirement of President Carnot. It is cer tainly very apparent that no ministry which may be formed can hope for any
extended term of office with the Chamber of Deputies split up into a number of groups, among which there are no elements favorable to a ministerial coalition.

Although since the recent elections in Italy the aspect of affairs in that country has brightened, the financial difficulties still remain, and may be expected to bubble to the surface again at no distant date. Austria is probably worst menaced from without than any of the other countries of Europe, while, internally, the empire is torn with race jealousies.

Although Great Britain is confronted with no such serious menaces as to either internal or external peace as menace the continental powers, there are not wanting even there elements of anxiety and political excitement. There is, for instance, the constant menace of the Indian Empire by Russia and the ever-increasing necessity for welding the widely separated parts of the British Empire into a closer union.

There is prospect also of an exciting political warfare during the sitting of the next session of Parliament. The government majority is small and lacks cohesiveness, while the opposition is formidable, because of perfect discipline and the possession of leaders of more than ordinary talent and resources. There is also a promise of a decisive tilt on the long-vexed Irish problem, coupled with a strong probability of a government defeat and the necessity for another appeal to the electors.
While, therefore, on this side of the Atlantic we are preparing for a long term of freedom from political agitation, our friends across the ocean are menaced with an era of serious unrest, if not of absolute danger.

## AMERICAN POLICY.

Great Britain has conquered and colonized more strange peoples and in more parts of the globe than have all the other nations of the earth in the same period. Her sails whiten every sea, her keels plow every bay and river, her flag floats from more mastheads than do the colors of half the other seafaring peoples put together.
There is scarcely a country on the face of the earth whose hills and valleys, whose plains and mountains, whose deserts and jungles have not been the scene of British warfare, and yet there are no more peaceable people on the planet than these English-speaking islanders. They do not fight because they are quarrelsome; they do not make war for any sentimental love of glory. Their sole object in view is to advance their commercial interests, to push and prorect their trade, to make customers and find markets for the products of their workshops. People who refuse to trade with them must fight.
Commerce is the keynote of British statesmanship, and it is persistent devotion to material interests that has made the British nation the richest on our globe.
This is pre-eminently the age of commerce, and the American people, if they are not a trading race, are nothing. If they are to accomplish what seems a most plain decree of destiny, the people of the United States must dominate the commerce of their hemisphere as Eng land has done that of the Old World And there is no time to lose. It is to be accomplished by the piercing for naviga
tion of the American isthmus, and by the establishing of reciprocal trade between all the American republics.
Such are the great problems to which our statesmanship must address itself; such is the work that our enterprise, aided by science and money, must undertake with courage and zeal. Entrenched behind the paramount rights and duties of self-protection; fired by the noble ambittons that should, by virtue of their responsibilities as masters and keepers of a hemisphere, inspire a great and powerful people, let the people of this grand union of republics, acting together and for the good of the whole, march forward to accomplish the mighty destiny that calls them.

## PESTILENT AGITATORS

Evolution is one of the fundamental laws of life. It means unfolding as the opening of the bud into the perfect flower, the progression of the acorn into all the stages until it becomes an oak. It is as if the full flower or the giant oak were all contained in the bud or the seed cup, and by a system of unfolding the larger and more complete development was secured.
Evolution is then a proper function and a gradual and progressive one. It brings about results when the time is ready and circumstances have prepared the way. There is nothing sudden or unexpected. All that happens in such a case was looked for, because there had been due forewarning.
If our social and political institutions could be left to pass through the progressive stages of a normal evolution the earth would have been the scene of few wars and revolutions. But while nature ever waits patiently, man will not, and seeks to produce results by sudden force and violence. Alexander was unwilling to attempt the legitimate loosing of the Gordian knot. He was in a hurry, and so he cut it with his sword. That is the human rule. Man seems to delight in disorder and revolution. This feeling carried to excess makes anarchists and nihilists.
This haste is the curse of our civilization. Many are hastening to become rich. They are not particular as to the means, so that the end is attained. This class has raised up an intense and bitter opposition, and the opposing class is only desirous to thwart the other, to overthrow it. These class feelings develop in force and energy until we have conflict between the two classes. Each endeavors to strengthen itself by organization, and so there results the spectacle of money monopoly on one side, opposed by socialism on the other.
Both are wrong, and their existence portends vast evils; but one is a consequence of the other. If there were no despots there would be no nihilists. If there were no powerful combinations of capital in trusts and great corporations, there would be no socialism. But they are both here, and are gathering strength all the time for the great struggle, which is inevitable.
The great trouble is that they are forcing the entire population to take sides on one or the other issue of the dispute. If there is any principle which is obviously sound it is that the interests of capital and labor are identical. One cannot operate without the other. One cannot properly exist without the other. Their union should be intimate and
friendly, but tremendous forees are at work to set them in opposition.
The employer, in his haste to get rich, does not in too many cases scruple to do so at the expense of his employes. These, in turn, feeling the injury, become dissatisfed, and then angry. Before any rational and wise reconciliation can intervene the agitator comes along, and while advising the employers to invoke the forces of money and oppression, counsels the working men to resort to revolution and violence. The agitator pours his poison into the ears of both parties to the controversy, and everything is done to create hates and bitterness.
It is the agitator, wherever he may be found, who is the prime cause of all the trouble. But for his pestilent and poisonous suggestions every such difference could be peaceably and equitably settled. Every settlement which is made at the cost of the surrender of one party or the other will produce hates and jealousies that will rankle until the next outbreak, and then they will aggravate the situation.
Admiral Semmes, in the record which he has left of his naval cruises, declares that whenever he discovered that he had an agitator or a "sea lawyer" among his crew, he made haste to put him ashore at the first port. If the industrial and social agitators on shore could be got rid of a vast catalogue of troubles, present and future, would be impossible. The agitators are not all among the working men by any means, but wherever they are they are dangerous to our social system and our proper development.

PRECIOUS STONES IN THE UNITED STATES.
The United States is the foremost producer of valuable minerals of all the countries of the world. In gold and silver, iron and coal, copper and lead, it is pre-eminent. Its yield of other metals of economic importance is considerable, and in building stones of all descriptions it is inexhaustibly rich. When it comes to gems and precious stones, however, our country makes but a poor show.
In the census rep ret on minerals for 1890 will be found an interesting section on American precious stones, by George F. Kunz, the eminent expert of the house of Tiffany. From Mr. Kunz's statistics it is learned that the total production of precious stones in the United States for 1889, the year in which the census enumeration was made, was to the amount of $\$ 188,000$, after being cut and polished to the extent of $\$ 107,000$ used for jewelry, and $\$ 81,000$ sold to museums and collectors of curiosities.
Of these stones few were of the finer sorts. There were no diamonds and no rubies. There were sapphires to the amount of $\$ 6,700$, but very deficient in color. There were turquoises to the extent of $\$ 24,000$ worth. The rest were stones of commoner varieties. The sapphizes were all found in Montana and all the turquoises in New Mexico. Plainly, our country, as a producer of precious gems, is far behind India, which has furnished diamonds, rubies, topazes and beryls in the greatest numbers from the earliest times. It is far behind Brazil, which has for a century past afforded large numbers of diamonds. It is far behind South Africa, which is now the chief source of diamonds. It is far behind the Russian region of the Ural Mountains,
which has long been an important source of supply of sapphires, rubies, topazes and beryls, Some pretty emeralds and other stones, but in small quantities, have been found in North Carolina, but in statistical tabulation they cut but a small figure.
In reference to diamonds, Mr. Kunz reports that while a few have from time to time been obtained in California, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and Wisconsin, the finds have been rare and always accidental. No indications exist which would justify any systematic search for them, although the circumstances and conditions under which they have been found resemble those existing in the diamond regions of India and Brazil, but utterly unlike those of the South African diamond district, where the gems are obtained from a blue clay which seems to have resulted from the decomposition of a bluish volcanic rock. The Indian and Brazilian stones are found in gravel of agate, jasper and other quartzes, which are the debris of crystalline rocks, and it is in this sort of gravel that the few American diamonds have been found. The entire finds of these stones are summed up as follows: One octahedral diamond of good quality weighing 24.75 carats, and when cut 11.34 carats, at Richmond, Va., in 1854; about 100 diamonds, weighing from onefourth of a carat to 5 carats, in the North Carolina and Georgia localities; about 200 diamonds of from one-half to four carats each, in California; 2 diamonds in Indiana; 7 small ones, none as heavy as one carat, in Pierce county, Wisconsin, and a few isolated stones from Idaho, Arizona, Arkansas and Adair county, Ky.
This is a very meager showing, but it demonstrates that diamonds exist in this country. But it is evident that we are too far north for any prolific yield of the chiefest of the precious stones. The fact seems to be that all the northern diamond fields have either been covered up or swept bodily away by the vast and potential influences of the Aretic drift which is so great a puzzle to the geologists. It wrecked or buried all the solid lands of the Northern Hemisphere, and so diamonds are only left untouched in regions south of the equator, beyond the reach of the terrible invasion of moving ice and rock which marked the glacial age.

## Financial Notes.

The Northville State Savings Bank has begun a corporate existence, with a capital stock of $\$ 25,000$, divided among fortyfive stockholders.
The product of the Diamond Match Company for eleven months this year shows an increase of 14 per cent. over the product for a corresponding portion of 1891 . This will make the valuation of the total output of this year $\$ 5,827,000$ gross, against $\$ 5,111,417$ last year. The total net earnings in 1891 were $\$ 802,816$, and it is thought that this year it will reach fully $\$ 1,000,000$ and possibly $\$ 1,100,000$. A new issue of stock will be made.

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Some of the Peculiarities of Typewriter. The type-written page has no individuality for most persons, but a study of the subject shows many characteristics
by which the work of different machines by which the work of different machines
and different operators can be distinguished. This field presents fewer op portunities than does that of the handwriting expert, but is, nevertheless, of some interest and importance. In a legal contest the whole case might hinge on the authenticity of a page of typewriting. For instance, it became neceswhether one page of the long type-writ when document in evidence had not been replaced with another in which some of replaced with another in which some of
the words had been changed. In this the words had been changed. In this case, of course, the suspected page was We others. The difference between in the others. The difference between in was, therefore, of no service.
was, therefore, of no service. typewriting was called as a witness. In reply to questions put by counsel he said that as a general rule it was not difficult for an expert to distinguish between the writing done upon different machines of the same manufacture. Two instrument might write so nearly alike as to make it impossible to determine upon which of them a certain sheet was turned out Still there were many little marks of variance in the writing of different ma chines, and even of the same one, at dif ferent times or when used by different persons. The witness did not believe that the page in question was written a the same time that the others were, nor by the same person. All might have been written on the same machine, but not consecutively.
The reasons given for this conclusion were, in the first place, that the type used on page seventeen was clean; on the others, many of the small letters were clogged up. The " $e$ " and " $s$ " were especially bad. The ribbon used for page seventeen was not so much worn as that for the rest of the document, and the writing was more uniform in color the latter fact was in part due to the superior skill of the writer of the single
page. The letters were in better alignpage. The letters were in better alignment on that page than on the others, in which the " $t$ " and "e" were badly out of their proper position. In page seven-
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others, being turned in the bar. The others, being turned in the bar. The one sheet, also, had a wider margin by
two spaces than those which followed and preceded it.
When asked why he believed that different persons wrote the sheets he said that the operator who turned out page seventeen was more expert than the other. The former's touch was more uniform; none of his letters seemed to override each other, as was sometimes the case on the other pages. His punctu ation marks did not perforate the paper The indentations of his paragraphs were six spaces against five on the rest of the six spaces against five on the rest of the document. He used three spaces be tween his sentences; the other, only two The first made a space after a comma bulk of the paper was less acqual the bulk of the paper was less acquainted the other man. One man always put a the other man. One man always put a
period and a colon after the words "to
wit;" the other used only a comma. For the figure 1, in the paging of sheet seventeen, a lower case " 1 " was used; on the
other sheets, a capital "i". The jury could scarcely help agreeing with the expert's conclusions.
The quality of uniformity is one in which good type-writers may differ greatly. Some strike harder with the right hand than with the left, and thus stamp their work indelibly. Others occasionally "shadow" letters; that is blur their outlines, by holding the key down too long or by striking it sideways. Perhaps the idiosyncracies of punctuation are the most trustworthy ear-marks of all. The force of habit impels operators never to vary from their own practice in given cases. Take the sentence: "When did you go there-Monday?" One man would put a question mark after "there"" another a comma; still another a dash, or a semi-colon, a comma and a dash, a semi-colon and a dash might also be used. A skilled man always follows his own usage in such cases.

## POPULAR TALKS ON LAW

## INTEREST

The question of legal rates of interest especially important to one whose moneyed interests, either in the shape of loans or credits, extend into several states of the Union. It is easy enough for an ordinary individual to remember the law as to interest in his own State, but when it comes to remembering the particulars of the law, even to the least extent, in several states, very few can accomplish the task, and constant reference must be made to publications giving tables of rates, etc., or to lawyers it order to obtain the desired information. We shall seek in a small compass to give a summary of the requirements of the laws of the various states, as
to, first, the legal rate of inerest; second, the limitation of rate; third, the penalty for usury. By
the first, we mean the rate of interest which the law allows upon money where which the law allows upon monties does not specify that rate. By the second, we mean that rate beyond which the law will not allow the contracting parties to go in their fixing of the rate, striving to prevent the overstepping of this rate either by declaring the excess of interest non-collectible, or the entire interest void, or the contract illegal, or some one o many
tates.
First, as to the legal rate. Five per cent. is the lowest legal rate provided by any state or territory, and this rate is confined to the States of Illinois and per cent. Such is the rate in Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of cent lumbia, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa Kansas, Kentucky. Maine, Maryland Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey New Mexico, New York, North Carolina Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Ten Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Ten nessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. The next order is the
7 per cent. rate. which holds in Arizona, per cent. rate, which holds in Arizona, California, Georgia, Minnesota, Nebraska,
Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South
Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin Carolina, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Eight per cent. is the law in Alabama, Colorado, Florida and Oregon. Ten per Washington. The highest legal rate is found in Wyoming, where 12 per cent. is the legal rate. It will, of course, be noted that the highest rates of interes are to be found in the West, while the owest are found in two States in the Mississippi Valley. The New England States without an exception provide for per cent. Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana alone of the Gulf States provide for less than 7 per cent. No state has selected 9 or 11 per cent. as the lega rate.
As to the second particular, the fol to ping States and Territories have failed which parties may agree in the limit to which parties may agree in writing for rate per cent.: Arizona, California, Col Masso, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Rhode Island, Utah and Washington. In
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parties and there is no such thing as usury. In the following States the parties ceed 12: Idaho, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Oklahoma. In the following, the parties may agree to any per cent. not to exceed 10: ArkanTerritory, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina and Wisconsin. In the following 8 per and Wisconsin. In the following 8 per Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, MisIndiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Misnois the limit is 7 per cent. In the fol nois the limit is 7 per cent. In the fol lowing States the parties may not contract for more than 6 per cent.: Kentucky, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. It will be seen that in the following States the legal rate and the limit of rate are the same; in other words, parties cannot agree to a greater rate than the legal rate: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia. In Connecticut it is remarkable to note that while the legal rate is 6 per cent. and parties cannot agree to more than 6 per cent., there is no penalty attached to a disobedience of the law. The penalties attached to usustated above, there is no penalty in Ari stated above, there is no penalty in AriFlorid Moine, Massachusetts, Montana, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, and Wyoming. In the following Stan, and W yoming. In the following states usury brings forfeiture of all interest:
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Wm. C. Sprague.

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THE MICHIGAN TRADESMAN．

Grand Rapids Retail Grocers＇Association． President，A．J．Elliott；Secretary，E．A．Stowe． Oficial Argan－ Next Meeting－December 19.

## Jaekson Grocers＇Union

President，D．S．Fleming；Sec＇y，N．H．Branch．
Grand Rapids Retall Grocers＇Associa－ tion．
At the regular meeting of the Retail Grocers Association，held on Monday evening，Dec．5， the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved．
A communication was read from Tucker， Coade \＆Parker，asking that exceptions to the Roll of Honor be made in the case of three restaurants which are regular customers of the house．The communication was referred to the Committee on Trade Interests with power to act． A number of letters from manufacturers of food products were then read by the Secretary in reply to his enauiries as to whether manu－ facturers would take part in a food exhibition， providing the Association decided to hold one in Grand Rapids during the present winter months．Pending the receipt of further letters， the entire matter was laid on the table until the next meeting．
Chairman Herrick，of the Executive Com mittee，recommended that the fiscal year be made the same as the calendar year，and that all who had paid the annual dues，and all who pay same prior to April 1，be given a certificate of membership until December 31，1823．The recommendation was accepted and adopted and the Secretary instructed to issue membership cards on that basis．
A verbal communication was received from N H．Walbridge，resigning the chairmanship of the Committee on Roll of Honor，on account of ill health．The restgation was laid on the table，and the other members of the Committee were instructed to complete the work of Committee with as little delay as possible
J．A．Smith asked for an expression of opinion on the matter of exemptions，asserting that the present law is wrong in splrit and operation and works great hardship to the mercantile classes， The matter was discussed at some length，when Mr．Smith was requested to read an article on the subject at the next meeting prepared sev－ eral years ago by Wm．E．Kelsey，the Ionia gro－ cer，and read on the occasion of an annual meeting of the Michigan Business Men＇s Asso－ ciation．
Daniel Viergiver suggested that the jobbers be invited to address the Association from time to time，and moved that the secretary request $C$ G．A．Voigt to attend the next meeting and give the members a little ta．k on flour．The motion was adopted．
Treasurer Harris reported a balance on hand of 8522.68 ，and was instructed to invest a lump sum in the form of a certificate of deposit，bear－ ing interest at the rate of 4 per cent．
Daniel Viergiver moved that the opening and closing of the stores of the members on the Mon day following Christmas and New Year＇s day be left to the option of each member，which was adopted．
A member asked whether money in bank was subject to garnishee or attachment，and the matter was made a special subject for discus sion at the next meeting，and the Secretary re－ quested to secure the presence of an attorney to address the Association on that subject．
The Association then adjourned until Monday evening，Dec． 19.

Jackson Retail Grocers＇Union． At the regular meeting of the Jackson Grocers Union，held Thursday evening，Dec members were admitted to membership．
The business report and financial statement of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Collections and Information were read and showed the Bureau to be in a flourishing condition，being just a trifle short of self－supporting．
The Committee on Trade Interests made a lengthy report，setting forth a number of griev－ ances，as follows：The high prices aharged for crackers by the Jackson Cracker Co．since it went into the trust；bakers selling to private houses from their wholesale wagons；produce and wholesale houses doing the same；millers selling one sack of flour at the same price charged twe grocer per ton，etc．The report every member present，and，after considerable every member present，and，after considerable
discussion，the whole matter was referred discussion，the whole matter was referred to a special committee composed of E．W．Swick，
Levi Decker，A．Riggs，E．G．Hill and N．H． Levi De
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The Entertalnment Committee reported that it had met and thoroughly discussed the subject of holding a banquet，but had arrived at no con－
clusion as yet．The report was accepted and laid on the table until the second meeting in January．
On motion．the Uuion decided to establish a uniform price on granulated sugar，the same as is now maintained by the Grand Rapids Retail Grocers＇Association，subject to change from
time to time as the price of time to time as the price of the staple rises or falls．It was decided to put the new plan into effect Dec．10，and Messrs．Bartlett，Porter and Whitney were appointed a committee to circu late a petition among the grocers of the city outside of the Union，asking them to observe the uniform price on granulated sugar．
President Fleming then announced the special order of the meeting，being the practice of giv ing Christmas presents to customers．A con－ siderable discussion followed，resulting in the conclusion that it was neither good policy nor justice to the grocer to continue the policy longer．
The reports of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer showed the finances to be in flourishing condition．
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## Obtaining Credit by Fraud.

From the Shoe and Leather Gazette.
In the sale of goods upon credit, either wholesaler or retailer absolutely parts with his title thereto when he delivers the goods, unless a special lien upon them is reserved. This is true, except there be fraud on the part of the buyer in securing credit, in which case the
rights of the party are materially changed. The importance of fraud in securing credit is due mainly to the fact that upon its discovery the seller is no longer required to look to the financial standing of the buyer, but he may rescind the contract under whice they sion upon the theory that having parted with the title through fraud, the title with the title through fraud, the title
was in law unchanged, and that the property still belongs to the seller. A buyer who obtains possession of goods on credit by fraud, stands in no better light, so far as right of possession is concerned, than he would had he stolen them by actual force.
It becomes then of importance to the business man to know of what such fraud consists as will create the right of recision. In the first place, it must be seller to part with his property. It must be an unequivocal representation that a fact exists which does not exist, or it which the buyer knows or ought to know whould influence the seller if he to know Thus it will be seen that the fraud may be either positive or negative in its nature, but it must be unequivocal in either ing a possibility or probability, although ing a possibility or probability, although it may be wholly false, it will not amount to fraud, for had it been true, there
would still have been a chance for the would still have been a chance for the
seller to lose, and he accepted that chance. The failure of the possibility leaves him no worse off than he would have been had the contingency he voluntarily accepted failed. To constitute a fraud, misrepresentation must be absolute. Further than this, the misrepresentation must be one upon which the creditor relied. It must, therefore, be plasisible and reasonable, and urged as a dicted of credit. Fraud cannot be pretravagant and unplausible as to appear incredulous upon their face. The statement of a man that he was King of England, made as a basis for credit, would not be made the basis of a claim of fraud, for this is so preposterous as to
carry its own conviction of falsity to the mind of a prudent business man. to the mind of a prudent business man. good circumstances, that he had land in an adjoining state worth ten thousand dollars, is a statement which, if relied upon, is fraudulent if false. A reasonably prudent man would be misled by the latter-no man of business judgment would rely upon the former. The essence of the fraud is not the falsity of the statement, but procuring the credit, and, therefore, some of the responsibility falls upon the seller. There is no actionable fraud in a lie which a would-be customer tells, on the strength of which he procures no goods, and no more is there fraud in a lie upon which he ought not to have secured them, though he did. The law will not protect a fool in his folly. material fact is as fraudulent as the mismaterial fact is as fraudulent as the misvided the concealment is willful In orvided the concealment is willful. In order to make this principle operative the debtor must have known that the creditor acted upon the faith that what was concealed was not a fact, and that he
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tions of this principle is insolvency. A man who buys goods on time after he knows he is insolvent, who knows that they were sold to him on credit based upon prior statements which, though true when made have become false through circumstances, stands in the same position he would if he made those statements when they were false, unless the circumstances are such that it was negligence to rely on the statement without calling for a new one. The willful concealment of a material fact is usually fraudulent.
prejudiced by it desires to avail himself of the right of recision, he must act with promptness. That is, promptness depends upon circumstances, but as general rule any delay is dangerous. Up-
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action condones the fraud and leaves the ereditor to his personal remedy againet the debtor. Recision is accomplished by promptly returning what benefits have been received under the contract, less what damages result in the breach, property may be recovered. This right of recovery extends against the original debtor, and subsequent purchasers from him as well, who takes the property with knowledge of the fraud, or under circumstances which should put a pruproperty which he knows, or ought to know, has been secured by fraud, particiknow, has been secured by fraud, particititle than the one he bought from itle than the one he bought from had. An innocent purchaser for value, how his his purchase. The law cannot permit the doctrine of fraud to extend so far as to unsettle business confidence, but it
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| Flint .......Ar | 1005 am | 345 pm | 765 pm | 5 40am |
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| Sunday train leaves for riving at $10: 20$ a $m$. Retur gon at $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$, arriving at | uskegon at $9: 05 \mathrm{a} \mathrm{m}$, ar g. train leaves Muske rand Rapids at 5:45 p m |
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## GOING TO CHICAGO.

 RETURNING FROM CHICAGO. Lv. CHICAGO ....... 9:00am $5: 25 \mathrm{pm}$ *11:15pm
Ar. GR'D RAPIDS....3:55pm 10:4 pm
*7:05am
 $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Lv. G. R...... 8:50am } & 1: 25 \mathrm{pm} & 5: 3: 5 \mathrm{pm} & 8: 45 \mathrm{pm} \\ \text { Ar. G. R..........10:5am } & 3: 55 \mathrm{pm} & 5: 25 \mathrm{pm}\end{array}$ TRAVERSE CITY MANISTEE \& PETOSKEY.
LV. R ..............................am $5: 35$ pn
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Ar. Charlevoix . $2: 505 \mathrm{pm}$
$3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$
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. Ar. Petoskey ........ 3:30pm
Ar. from Petoskey, ete., $10: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
Traverse City $11: 50 \mathrm{a} \mathrm{m}, 10: 00 \mathrm{p} \mathrm{m}$. THROUGH CAR SERVICE.
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## GOING TO DETROIT

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RETURNING FROM DETROIT $7: 50 \mathrm{am}{ }^{*}: 35 \mathrm{pm} \quad 6: 10 \mathrm{pm}$
$12: 55 \mathrm{pm} * 5: 25 \mathrm{pm}$
$10: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ Lv. DETR.
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.... 12:55 p. m. and 10:20 p. m
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The traveling man should reflect the standing of the house he represents, as a country dealer often measures the character of the house by those who are sent out by it.

All traveling men who wish to go to Detroit on the morning of Dec. 28 can secure one-half fare tickets by obtaining an order from any one of the members of the Transportation Committee of Post E.

Did you ever notice in reading the annals of crime that the proportion of traveling men who have gone wrong is less than that of any other vocation in which equal opportunities are afforded? Yet men of other professions sometimes speak of traveling men as a doubtful and suspicious class of people.
No one thing will do more to build up and retain a hotel trade than furnishing the incoming and outgoing midnight guests with a cup of hot coffee and a sandwich. Such a lunch, just before starting or upon arriving at the hotel, is highly appreciated by the boys.

A traveling man jumped from a train as it was about to collide with another one. He escaped with a few slight bruises and went to the assistance of the wounded in the wreck. He found a pious individual who was badly injured. The latter asked the traveling man if he did not think he had cause to thank an all merciful Providence for holding out its watchful hand and saving him from destruction. "Oh, I suppose so," replied the traveling man, "but don't you think I was pretty cute myself?"
A Kansas City farm implement house will next season try the experiment of sending out a woman drummer-not that the departure will be so very much of an experiment, for the modern woman, when she takes up a thing which has heretofore been regarded as outside her sphere of usefulness, usually attains the object of her ambition. "It is really not an innovation," says the head of the firm, by whom the woman has already been engaged, "for it has been done in lines of trade as far removed from ours as that of milliner. A young Swedish woman has for several years traveled tor a Scandinavian firm of machinists. She travels all over Europe, and next year will extend her territory by a trip to Australia. A large manufacturer of electric supplies in the east receives some of his best orders through a woman expert who is in his employ and began life for herself as a telegraph operator."

Biela's comet was not on time. It did not show up as adyertised. It had sent out its route and date cards and asked that orders be held until it arrived, when it would be able to make a startling display of samples. Everybody waited and now people are disgusted with that comet. It need not send out any more advance cards. The public has lost confidence in it. If it has been "called in" the house should notify expectant people. If delayed by a snow blockade the telegraph wire should have been used. Bradstreet and Dun should have notified the commercial world. There is no business in such a transaction. When a commercial
traveler makes a date, he is expected to be punctual and prompt. There is no good reason why a comet should not be as punctual as a traveling man. The comet is liable to censure and so is the house which sends out such an unreliable representative. People cannot afford to sit up all night, burn coal and gas, and then be disappointed. The people will now be inclined to look around for a more reliable comet house.

Jose A. Gonzales was born at Cardenas, Cuba, Aug. 2, 1845, being the son of a wealthy and influential sugar planter. He attended school at Cardenas, and subsequently began the study of law with the intention of pursuing the legal profession. In 1868 he joined the Cuban insurrection, which was put down by the Spanish government, and, in common with the other insurgents, saved his life by fleeing the country. He came to Portland, Maine, subsequently removing to New York City, where he lived four years. In 1872 he went to Chicago where he opened several cigar stores, at one time conducting five establishments. In 1877 he removed to this city and purchased the cigar stand in the Morton House, which he conducted ten years. In 1887 he went on the road for the Alabastine Company, with which he was connected a year and a half, when he engaged to travel for the Moneypenny-Ham mond Cigar Co., of Columbus, Ohio. Two years later he engaged with the Owl Cigar Co., of New York, with which he is still connected, covering the States of Michigan and Indiana, calling on the trade every sixty days, and the larger trade in the cities in his territory every thirty days. Mr. Gonzales announces himself as a candidate for the Presidency of the Michigan Knights of the Grip and will probably have the solid endorsement of the Grand Rapids members of the organization. He has served the Knights as chairman of the Hotel Committee and member of the Executive Board, which positions have rendered him thoroughly familiar with the work of the association.
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## PRODUCE MARKET.

Apples-Baldwins and Spitzenbergs command 82.75 per bbl., while Spys are held at 83 . Local dealers are handling more New York and New England apples than Michigan fruit.
Beans-Choice country picked command $\$ 1.60$ @ 81.75 per bu.
Butter-Scarce and next to impossible to se cure adequate supplies for home demand. Deal ers pay 20@:22 for choice dairy and hold at 2c above paying prices. Creamery has sustained a very marked advance, readily commanding 31 @33.
Cabbages-Dealers pay $\$ 5$ per 100, holding at $\$ 6$. Very scarce.
Celery-Choice home grown commands 20@25c per dozen bunches.
Clder- 13 c per gal.
Cranberries-The market is without material change, crates now being held as follows: Cape Cods and Jerseys, 83; Waltons, 83.50 .
Eggs - Dealers hold limed and cold storage goods at 21c, while fresh would readily com mand 23@24c.
Grapes-Malagas command $80.50 @ * 7.50 \mathrm{der} \mathrm{keg}$ Hones-Dealers pay 14@15c and hold at 15ฎ16c Onions-Firmer and in better demand. Hand lers pay 7ce and sold at 90 c per bu.
Potatoes-The 'market is the same as a week ago, handlers paying 55c here and 50 c at the principal outside buying points. Squash-Hubbard, 2e per lb.
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sweel Potaes-All varieties are scarce. Jer seys readily command 84.50 per bbl., Balti mores bring 84 and Virginias. 83.50 . mores bring 84 and Vir
Turnips-30c per bu

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